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1. GREEK CYPRIOT INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATOR TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS SUMMONED UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE DE CUELLAR TO HIS OFFICE AUG 24 TO INFOR HIM OF GOC'S READINESS TO RESUME MEANINGFUL CONFIDENTIAL

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INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS. SPEAKING TO PRESS AFTER MEETING, PAPADOPOULOS SAID HE HAD SEEN DE CUELLAR TO REAFFIRM ATTACHMENT OF GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE TO PROCESS OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND TO STRESS READINESS OF GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE TO ATTEND SUBSTANTIVE AND MEANINGFUL TALKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH U.N. RESOLUTIONS. PAPADOPOULOS SAID HE HAD NOTHING CONCRETE IN MIND BUT HE BELIEVED THAT, FOLLOWING

RECENT STATEMENTS BY TURKISH SIDE, IT WAS NECESSARY TO CLARIFY THAT GREEK SIDE CONSIDERS PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION UNDER UNSYG THE BEST COURSE IN SEARCH FOR A SETTLEMENT.

2. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER PAPADOPOULOS' STATEMENTS WERE COINCIDENCE OR RESULT OF AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE TO KYPRIANOU (REFTELS), BUT, GIVEN THE CIRCUSTANCES WE ARE INCLINED TO THINK THE LATTER. WE ARE AWARE THAT, IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH DE CUELLAR, PAPADOPOLOS SPECIFICALLY CITED PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU AS BEING IN SUPPORT OF HIS STATEMENT. IN EITHER CASE, KYPRIANOU GOVERNMENT IS NOW PUBLICLY ON RECORD AS FAVORING INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS AS BEST COURSE FOR PURSUING SOLUTION TO CYPRUS PROBLEM. CRAWFORD

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